Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association

School Bus Safety Conference

June 4-6, 2019
Tony’s Event Center
Salina, KS
June 4, 2019

Greetings,

On behalf of the Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association Executive Committee, welcome to the 49th Annual School Bus Safety Conference. We are confident that you will benefit from our keynote presentations and your choice of twenty breakout workshops. Topics are diverse, relevant, and addressed by the experts who work with their topics day-in and day-out.

Overall, the tone is informal and discussion is encouraged. The 30-minute breaks in between sessions are designed to allow you more time to question presenters and enlarge your network. One of the principle values of a good conference is the opportunity to network with other attendees. Introduce yourself to strangers and get acquainted during breaks. Sit with someone new at lunch. Talking with other attendees is one of the best ways to learn.

Finally, let us know what you think of our new conference format, location, and how KSPTA can continue to grow and make this conference better. Feel free to approach any of the KSPTA officers in attendance with your concerns or ideas. They can be identified by the above logo on the left side of their shirt. Or, add your suggestions on the Survey Monkey questionnaire that will be available via our website or Facebook page following the conference. We use your input when preparing future conferences.

Enjoy your time with us and thank you for coming.

Sincerely,

Your KSPTA Executive Committee

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Welcome!

49th Annual
School Bus Safety Conference

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Please note: NO outside food or drink may be brought into Tony’s Event Center at any time. Soda and snack machines are available in the foyer next to the elevator.
Ben Gardner - Kansas Highway Patrol

Trooper Ben Gardner is a Technical Trooper and Public Resource Officer with Troop C who began his career with the Kansas Highway Patrol in May 1999 where he was first stationed as a road trooper in McPherson County and then later promoted to master trooper in 2006. Known world wide as the “tweeting trooper”, Ben has been selected as one of Ingram’s 50 Kansans You Should Know, which honors high-achieving citizens in our state. Trooper Ben does an excellent job, not only highlighting the Kansas Highway Patrol, but working to educate Kansans, and sometimes a broader audience, on traffic safety laws, and other pertinent information.

“Although I wasn’t born in Kansas, this became my home after my military duty,” Gardner said. “I am truly a Kansan, wearing this uniform, and love to showcase our agency and our patch.”

Keith Henry - Lee’s Summit R7 Schools

Keith Henry has more than 24 years of experience in school transportation and is currently the Director of Transportation for the Lee’s Summit (MO) R-7 School District. There are 18,300 students in the Lee’s Summit school system and Keith’s drivers transport 14,000 of them to 28 different schools. His 8 technicians maintain a fleet of 175 buses, primarily powered by CNG.

Keith is also Past-President of the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT). Prior to serving as NAPT President, Keith was a member of Board of Directors of the Pupil Transportation Safety Institute (PTSI). He has also been President of the Missouri Association for Pupil Transportation.

Keith learned about personal integrity and respect for others growing up in the heart of Amish country in Lancaster County PA. He served our country and developed his critical thinking and problem-solving skills in the United States Coast Guard, where he also developed a keen understanding of people by being stationed in St. Louis, Chicago, San Diego, Jacksonville and the Caribbean.

Gina Crump - ZoeBus Co.

As a veteran educator with a background in school counseling and character education, Gina Crump developed an appreciation for bus drivers and the challenges they faced. To gain a better understanding of what drivers experienced behind the wheel, Gina earned her CDL, drove for a local school district, and also purchased her own bus to use for mobile classes. Through her business, ZoeBus, LLC, Gina continues to support bus drivers all over the Midwest by facilitating workshops on managing student behavior. Her DVD, 7 Simple Strategies for Managing Student Behavior, is being used as an effective training tool by transportation directors in countless school districts in Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kansas and beyond.
Dr. Randy Watson - Kansas Commissioner of Education

Known for his visionary leadership, Dr. Randy Watson’s roots run deep in public education.

As a former history teacher, school principal and superintendent, Dr. Watson has dedicated more than 35 years of his life working in public education settings across the state. The Kansas State Board of Education named Watson Kansas Education Commissioner in November 2014.

A native of Coffeyville Kansas, Dr. Watson attended Kansas State University where he earned a bachelor’s degree in history and a master’s degree in science in secondary administration, staff supervision and staff development, building level certification. Additionally, he received his doctorate of education in secondary administration, school law, curriculum development and instructional leadership, and district level certification.

The recipient of many awards, Dr. Watson was named an Alumni Fellow at Kansas State and in 2015, was honored by being named the Kansas Superintendent of the Year.
Workshop Presenters

**Trisha Nolan—Q’Straint / Sure-Lok**
As the Southern Regional Manager for Q’Straint and Sure-Lok, Trisha Nolan represents both product lines for all School Bus and Paratransit applications. She has been in the industry for over 25 years, and has been with Q’Straint and Sure-Lok since 2013.

She conducts training programs both on-site and at conferences at the local, state and national level. She has been invited by numerous agencies throughout the country to speak on safe and effective wheelchair securement practices and regulatory issues. She was recognized as the Vendor of the Year in 2017 by TAPT.

She is a native Texan where she resides with her husband and enjoys spending time with their two grown daughters.

**Carson Nuss - Kansas Highway Patrol**
Carson Nuss is a 17-year member of the Kansas Highway Patrol with over 20 years in law enforcement. He has been assigned the last nine years to the Drug and Alcohol Evaluation Unit. The Unit is responsible for all the training in the State to recognize people who are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

**Michael Christopher - Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**
Michael is the State Program Specialist for the Kansas Division of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. He has began working for FMCSA in March 2010, is a livelong Kansas resident and a graduate of Kansas State University.

**Keith Dreiling - State Director of School Bus Safety, KSDE**
Keith Dreiling serves as the State Director of School Bus Safety for the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). He joined KSDE in 2013 after he retired from the Kansas Highway Patrol, where he spent more than 27 years serving as a road trooper in several areas of Kansas and as a field training officer for several recruit troopers.

In his current role as state director of the School Bus Safety Unit, Dreiling oversees all aspects of the unit and has been instrumental in updating the unit’s website and the school bus inspection program, as well as establishing annual September meetings and workshops for new transportation directors.

Dreiling serves as the Central Regional Director for the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services board.
Valerie Loesch  – USD 405 Rice County

Val is a 1984 graduate of McPherson College where she earned her B.S in Education. Her career at USD 405 in Rice County has been as a special education resource room teacher for 14 years and as an Autism/Special Education Consultant for 21 years. During her time in the Resource Room, she worked with a multitude of disabilities including severe multiple disabilities, learning disabilities, physical disabilities, and autism. She completed a graduate level outreach program through the University of Kansas for training on how to best work with students with Autism. She has also received ongoing training with TASN (Technical Assistance Support Network) through the Kansas State Department of Education for the last 20 years.

Amanda Horner  – Traffic Safety Specialist

Amanda Horner has been with the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office for 8 years. In that time she has focused on Employer Programs, Minority Populations, and has been Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor for 5 years. Amanda is a graduate from the University of Kansas (Rock Chalk!) with a degree in Spanish Language and Literature. She lives in Tonganoxie with her husband, 2 dogs, snake, and 3 legged cat.

Susan McMahan  – School Safety Specialist, KSDE

Susan McMahan joined Kansas State Department of Education in late September 2018. She was asked to lead a new unit within KSDE, Safe and Secure Schools Unit. The unit was officially formed October 1, 2018. She has over a decade of experience in emergency management (local and state level). She worked for Thomas County as the Director of Emergency Management and Kansas Division of Emergency Management as a subject matter expert with emergency operations and continuity of operations planning. She holds two degrees and is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM), Infrastructure Protection certification from Texas A&M (TEEX), a FEMA Master Continuity Practitioner, and is a Kansas Certified Emergency Manager.

Charles (Chuck) Magaha  – Emergency Management Homeland Security

Chuck is currently the Director for Leavenworth Co. Emergency Management Homeland Security. He has held this position for the last thirty years. His role is to keep the team of 30 members ready for deployment anywhere in the State of Kansas or the United States to assist in disasters. Chuck currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response which is a Governor’s Appointment.

Chuck has been involved in law enforcement and has been a volunteer firefighter for over 40 years and is a certified emergency responder.
Dennis Tate - Assistant State Director of School Bus Safety, KSDE

Dennis is the Assistant State Director of the School Bus Safety Unit at Kansas Department of Education. Dennis came to the unit in October of 2014 after 29 years of service with the Kansas Highway Patrol. He retired from the Highway Patrol as a field Lieutenant in the Topeka Office of the Kansas Turnpike. Dennis is a Certified Child Passenger Safety technician with emphasis on school bus specific seats. He is also an Instructor Trainer for AAA defensive driving and Medic First Aid.

Mark Ward - Attorney, KSDE

Mark Ward has been an attorney with KSDE for the past twenty years. He provides legal consultation in matters regarding special education, and provides legal technical assistance to school districts, parents, and advocates throughout the state. In addition, Mark oversees the special education dispute resolution processes for the state department of education by coordinating the state’s special education mediation, due process hearing, and formal complaint programs. In 2008, Mark was honored by the Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators with the “Kids First” award for his "dedication to the future of kids in Kansas." In 2011, he received the Glenn I. Latham Excellence Award from the Center for Technical Assistance for Excellence in Special Education (TAESE) at Utah State University. DISCLOSURE STATEMENT: The one thing most people do not know about Mark is that he genuinely believes special education law is an important, and even interesting, topic, so, when initiating discussion with him about special education, reserve some time.

Jason Beyer - Assistant Transportation Director at USD 253 / President KSPTA

Jason is a school transportation veteran having worked in the Emporia school district for 16 years. He began as a driver, then moved to mid-day office staff, then to trainer, and now serving as the Assistant Director. He is also a long time member of KSPTA, having served on the Executive Board as the South East Vice President and is the current President. In his free time he plays the guitar, enjoys time with his family, and really enjoys his wife’s cooking.

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Conference Sessions
Tuesday, June 4

7:00 a.m.
Registration / Event Center Foyer
All conference attendees must check in and pick up their conference credentials

Coffee & Pastries available at Welcome Table

Safe Driver Competition Check In/Event Center Foyer
All participants in the safe driver competition must also check in with the School Bus Safety Unit. You must bring your CDL to the safe driver competition check in.

7:30 a.m. - Heritage Hall
KSPTA Business Meeting - All Conference Attendees
Jason Beyer, President, Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association
⇒ Approval of revised KSPTA Constitution & By-Laws
⇒ Officer Nominations

8:00 a.m. - Heritage Hall
Welcome & Opening Remarks - JoAnn McClure, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce
Program - Trooper Ben Gardner
Active Shooter / Weapons on the School Bus

Concurrent Session I - 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Basics of Wheel Chair Securement
Workshop Instructor - Trisha Nolan
This class will cover the basics of wheelchair securement to include proper securement of wheelchair, occupant and what not to do. Class size is restricted. Class will be offered again in Session II

Reasonable Suspicion for School Bus Personnel
Workshop Instructor - Carson Nuss
This workshop is open to all conference attendees. The class will train transportation personnel key indicators in identifying students who may need assistance due to possible drug and/or alcohol impairment and addiction.

Entry Level Driver Training
Workshop Instructor - Michael Christopher
Although this workshop is designed for Superintendents, Transportation Directors/Supervisors, School Bus Driver Trainers, anyone may attend to learn more about MAP 21 and the new Entry Level Driver Training now required by FMCSA. “ELDT” will go into effect in 2020.

12:00 p.m. - Heritage Hall
Lunch
Luncheon Keynote - Keith Henry
NTSB Report: Selective Issues in School Bus Transportation Safety
Conference Sessions

Concurrent Session II - 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Basics of Wheel Chair Securement**
Workshop Instructor - Trisha Nolan
This workshop will cover the basics of wheelchair securement to include proper securement of wheelchair, occupant and what not to do. *This workshop is a repeat of class in Session I.*

**Legal Responsibilities of School Bus Personnel**
Workshop Instructor - Keith Dreiling
This workshop will cover the legal responsibilities of school bus personnel. These legal responsibilities are mandated by Kansas law for anyone who drives a school bus, activity bus or school passenger vehicle and transports students in Kansas.

**Reasonable Suspicion for CDL Supervisors**
Workshop Instructor - Carson Nuss
This class is restricted to only those who supervise CDL personnel and meets state completion requirement. Certificates will be issued post-conference.

Break 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Session III - 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Weather Spotting 101 - Keeping Kids Safe On Route**
Workshop Instructor - Chuck Magaha
Understanding the weather by knowing how to read the clouds and stay away from harm’s way. Do you know what makes up severe weather? Hail, flooding, wind, tornados and even snow. All this and more will be discussed. (This workshop will be repeated in Session V)

**How Transportation Fits Into Your Crisis Plan**
Workshop Instructor - Susan McMahan
This class will discuss the key roles that transportation plays in the safe and secure school initiative. It will address the need for transportation involvement in the school crisis plan. Also addressed will be the need for transportation to be an active participant in the schools crisis drills.

**Safe Driver Competition Written Test, Defect Bus and Surprise Test**
Following the completion of the written test, competitors will report to Heritage Hall to complete the defect bus and surprise test portions of the competition.

Wednesday, June 5

7:00 am

**Registration / Event Center Foyer**
All *new* conference arrivals must check in and pick up their conference credentials.

7:30 a.m. - Heritage Hall

Breakfast Buffet Begins

Breakfast Keynote - Bus Drivers: The Link Between School and Home, Gina Crump, ZoeBus

Break 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Concurrent Session IV - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Safe & Secure Schools—How Transportation Fits Into Your Crisis Plan**
Workshop Instructor - Susan McMahan
This class will discuss the key roles that transportation plays in the safe and secure school initiative. It will address the need for transportation involvement in the school crisis plan. Other issues to be addressed is the need for transportation to be an active participant in the schools crisis drills. This workshop is a repeat of Session III.

**Child Securement Systems**
Workshop Instructors-Dennis Tate/Amanda Horner
The number of preschool age students being transported to and from school and to activities is growing. Dennis and Amanda will discuss the basics of installation and use child restraint systems in school buses and other school vehicles. You will learn some of the legal responsibilities and best practices of safely transporting your young students.

**Autism in the Community**
Workshop Instructor - Val Loesch
Chances are high that employees will have interactions with an individual with autism. This class provides an overview of the characteristics of autism; behavioral characteristics of individuals on the spectrum, specifically when highly stressed; and guidance of how best to deal with all three levels of autism during transportation. When participants leave this session, they will have strategies to use during transportation that will help keep the situation safe and calm.
Conference Sessions

Break  10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Concurrent Session V  -  11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Weather Spotting 101
Workshop Instructor - Chuck Magaha
Understanding the weather by knowing how to read the clouds and stay away from harm’s way. Do you know what makes up severe weather? Hail, flooding, wind, tornados and even snow. All this and more will be discussed.

7 Simple Strategies
Workshop Instructor  -  Gina Crump, ZoeBus
Gina will be sharing practical ideas for addressing behavior issues on the bus. This interactive presentation will cover topics such as establishing routines that improve the culture of the bus, recognizing good behavior, being firm, fair and consistent, and more!

Special Education and Transportation
Workshop Instructor  -  Mark Ward
This interactive Q&A session will discuss all things related to special education transportation beginning with the IEP to special services that may be required. Bring your questions to have answered during workshop discussions.

12:00 p.m. - Heritage Hall

Lunch

Luncheon Keynote  -  Dr. Randy Watson
Kansas Commissioner of Education

Break  1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Concurrent Session VI 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mirror Grids & Proper Mirror Adjustment
Workshop Instructor  -  Jason Beyer
This class will cover the concepts of “field of vision” and the “mirror grid”. We will discuss how to set the mirrors on your bus effectively by looking at 2 key items: what you should see in each mirror, and its primary function. The “grid” is used for setting the mirrors which we will discuss in depth. At the end of the class you will be able to use a grid to set your mirrors properly so that you can see almost all the way around the bus.

Concurrent Session VI 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Continued)

Review of Annual School Bus Inspection Process
Workshop Instructor  -  Keith Dreiling
This workshop is designed as a brief overview of the inspection process for school buses, activity buses and school passenger vehicles. How to prepare for the Kansas Highway Patrol troopers who come to inspect your buses and school vehicles. What is expected of you, also who and when to call to schedule your inspections.

School Bus Driver Safety and Risk Index. The Missing Piece of Your Hiring Process
Workshop Instructor  -  Keith Henry
This program is unlike anything you have ever seen, it cannot be gamed and it is going to change safety in the student transportation industry!

This assessment is a unique and values-based assessment. It has been specifically tailored to our industry in order to measure an individual’s capacity to demonstrate sound judgment and make good decisions behind the wheel of a school bus.

Break  3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Session - 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Orientation for Safe Driver Competition
This is required for all participants in the safe driver competition. Please be sure to sign in on the roster.

Judges Orientation for Safe Driver Competition
We encourage anyone who is planning to judge to attend. We will be making station assignments and reviewing how to judge and complete score sheets.

3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Vendor Show

Our vendor show will be held in Heritage Hall. Doors will not open until 3:30. 20 vendors will be on hand to answer product questions. You must be a registered conference attendee to participate in the vendor show. You must be wearing your conference ID to be admitted.
Thursday, June 5

No parking will be allowed in or around the East parking lot as this area will be used for the driving course. Please park either on the North or South sides of the building in the designated parking lots. Please DO NOT set test/canopy’s close to the building on the East side. There are underground sprinkler systems and tents/canopy’s/heavy foot traffic will cause damage to the system. The observation area will be located on the East side of the course.

6:00 a.m.

**Competitors & Judges Report To Course**
Pancake breakfast begins. Breakfast is open to all registered conference attendees. Be sure to wear your conference ID.

7:30 a.m.

Course Drive-Thru

8:00 a.m.

Safe Driver Competition begins. Breakfast ends.

Noon

Tailgate Lunch. Lunch is open to all registered conference attendees. Be sure to wear your conference ID.

5:30 p.m.

**Doors open for banquet seating**
Dress in your Sunday best and dust off the shiny shoes. Doors open for seating for the 49th Annual KSPTA Association Banquet.

Following the conclusion of meal service, the following awards will be presented:

- $100 “SPOT” Winner
- School Bus Safety Poster Contest Winners
- Recognition of Retiring KSPTA Executive Committee
- Heroism Award
- Outstanding Service Awards
- Perfect Score on Written Test
- District Competition Winners
- State Competition Winners
- Ted Fowler/Jack Woolf Scholarship Award to Top Rookie Competitor
- State Champion “Team” Category
- State Champion Overall

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October 23, 2019

Don’t miss important news and upcoming events. Simply search Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association then click the “like” and “follow” buttons to get all the latest information.
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Thank You For Coming - We’re Glad You Came!!!

Save the Date

School Bus Safety Conference & Safe Driver Competition

June 2 - 4, 2020
Salina, Kansas